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TAGS: SHUM, UY
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: RICARDO VILARO SANGUINETTI

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1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS THAT POLITICAL DETAINEE RICARDO VILARO SANGUINETTI WAS FREED FROM CONFINEMENT AT THE FUSILEROS NAVALES DETENTION CENTER EARLY THIS WEEK. AFTER HAVING BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON ON APRIL 7, HE WAS IMMEDIATELY REARRESTED IN AN APPARENTLY UNILATERAL INITIATIVE BY THE NAVAL SECURITY FORCES (REF C). HE IS CURRENTLY WAITING FINAL CLEARANCE TO LEAVE URUGUAY AND JOIN HIS FAMILY, WHO ARE LIVING IN HOLLAND AS REGUGEES. HE IS BEING ASSISTED BY THE DUTCH EMBASSY HERE, WHICH HAS SHOWN A STRONG INTEREST IN HIS CASE AND HAS GUARANTEED HIM A VISA AND WILL PROVIDE HIS AIR PASSAGE TO HOLLAND. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: THIS CASE HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF INCREASING EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE GOU. VILARO'S REARREST HAD FOLLOWED FIRM ASSURANCES TO THE DUTCH EMBASSY THAT HE WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PERMITTED TO GO INTO EXILE. IT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL CAUSE CELEBRE, PROVOKING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VILARO FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. INTERNALLY, IT POINTED UP THE DISARRAY OF URUGUAY'S INTERNAL SECURITY APPARATUS AND OF THE GOU IN GENERAL: VILARO'S RELEASE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN MANDATED BY THE CHIEF OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM AND OBVIOUSLY CLEARED AT SENIOR POLITICAL

LEVELS; HIS REARREST APPARENTLY CAME AS A TOTAL SURPRISE.
THE DECISION TO RELEASE HIM FOR THE SECOND TIME DEMONSTRATES
THE RATIONAL FORCES IN THE GOU ARE ABLE TO RIGHT A WRONG.
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